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REPORT

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

TOPIC Troops Entrained in the Potsdam Area

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The following troop trains were loaded at the Wildpark railroad station near Potsdam (N 53/2 63) between 21 and 24 April 1952:

At 6:30 p.m. on 21 April. A train of 20 boxcars with soldiers and 24 flatcars with trucks

and tank trucks

From 5 a.m. on 22 April. A train of 12 boxcars with about 200 troops, and 23 flatcars carrying 8 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 2 x 76.2-mm field guns, 2 gun-barrel trailers, 2 field kitchens, 6 caterpillar tractors

The train left toward Brandenburg at 3:05 p.m.

At 6 p.m. on 22 April. A train of 13 boxcars with about 200 troops, and 13 flatcars carrying trucks

and ambulance

At 6 p.m. on 23 April. A train of 16 boxcars with troops and equipment, and 24 flatcars carrying 12 x 122-mm gun howitzers, 2 x 76.2-mm field guns, and about 15 caterpillar tractors

and trucks

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At 2 p.m. on 24 April. A train of 20 boxcars with troops and equipment, and 25 flatcars carrying 1 x 152-mm gun howitzer, 1 x 122-mm field gun, 2 x 76.2-mm field gun, 4 field kitchens, caterpillar tractors

2 tank trucks and about 15 trucks

Another 12 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 12 caterpillar tractors and 5 trucks stood at the ramp.

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2. The following troop trains were loaded at the Potsdam railroad station on 22 and 23 April:

From 8:30 a.m. on 22 April. A train of 20 boxcars with about 450 troops, and 27 flatcars carrying 12 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 1 x 76.2-mm field gun, 2 gun-barrel

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trailers, 12 caterpillar tractors, [redacted]

trailers [redacted]

1 field kitchen, and trucks [redacted]

The train left at 4:20 p.m. *

At 3 p.m. on 23 April. A train of 16 boxcars with about 300 troops and equipment, and about 30 flatcars carrying 2 x 122-mm field guns, 1 x 76.2-mm field gun, and about 10 caterpillar tractors [redacted]

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At 4 p.m. on 23 April. A train of 6 boxcars with troops and equipment, and about 30 flatcars carrying four field kitchens and [redacted] trucks:

At 5:45 p.m. on 24 April. A train of 24 boxcars with troops and equipment, and flatcars carrying 4 field kitchens, billading equipment, 1 sedan and 4 trucks [redacted]

3. A unit loaded at the Potsdam railroad station at 4 p.m. on 23 April included about 100 troops with artillery insignia, 3 field kitchens and 15 trucks [redacted]

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4. At 5:30 p.m. on 23 April, the following troops and material were loaded at the Wildpark railroad station: about 300 soldiers, about 500 ammunition boxes, 12 x 152-mm howitzers, 1 x 76.2-mm field gun, 13 prime movers [redacted]

[redacted] about 5 trailers [redacted]
2 field kitchens and about 20 trucks [redacted]

5. At 5:30 p.m. on 24 April, a troop train was dispatched from the Potsdam railroad station toward Brandenburg. The train consisted of 7 boxcars with troops and 23 boxcars with signal equipment, 3 trucks [redacted] 1 sedan and 5 field kitchens. ***

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6. At 6:20 p.m. on 24 April, a troop train at the Wildpark railroad station was loaded with 12 x 152-mm field howitzers, 12 caterpillar tractors [redacted] 1 x 57-mm AT gun, 19 trucks [redacted]

[redacted] Jeep [redacted] tank

7. On 24 April, about 300 troops wearing black-bordered black and red-bordered black epaulets with signal and motor transport insignia, four field kitchens and vehicles [redacted] were loaded at the Potsdam railroad station. On 25 April, about 50 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia, and vehicles [redacted] were entrained at the Wildpark railroad station. [redacted]

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Comment. According to the same and other sources, it is believed that about nine troop trains of the unidentified artillery division in Potsdam were dispatched from the Potsdam and Wildpark railroad stations in Altengrabow between 21 and 23 April 1952. [redacted] The present report partially confirms these trains and in paragraph 1, mentions the loading of a tenth troop train of the division on 24 April 1952. Therefore, it is fairly definitely believed that the

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unidentified artillery division from Potsdam actually moved to the Altengrabow artillery range for summer training. 50X1-HUM

Comment. The two troop trains mentioned in paragraph 2 on 23 and 24 April 1952 belong to the 2d Gds AAA Div. They probably carried equipment only and were possibly bound for Tustrow.

*** Comment. The train in paragraph 5 is probably identical with train 50X1-HUM on 24 April mentioned in paragraph 7. The trains probably carried troops of the 66th (?) Sig Regt of the GDFG.

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